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1. The headquarters of the citizens militia was in a large building in the southern sector of Katowice and it housed the following two main sections:

- a. The Specialne (section for political affairs)
- b. The criminal militia.

There was allegedly also a traffic militia headquarters located in Cleiwitz (C 51/Y 37).

2. Katowice was subdivided into four police precincts, two officers for each precinct being continuously on duty at the militia headquarters to control the police duty in their precincts.
3. The members of the Specialne wore dark-blue uniforms. Most of the policemen were former members of the Polish Armed Forces. They were 3. to 35 years old and armed with Soviet submachine guns, light machine guns, rifles and pistols. No heavy weapons were available. Members of the criminal militia usually wore civilian clothes.
4. The militia was equipped with motor vehicles of US and German origin. A shipment of 80 to 90 Soviet passenger cars and trucks arrived in August 1949. The monthly allotment of fuel was inadequate: about 120 liters per motor vehicle, regardless of type. Motor vehicles were withdrawn from operation when the allotment was used.
5. Most of the militia personnel were accommodated in private quarters rather than in barracks. Only some guard detachments were quartered in a barracks.
6. The entire militia was subordinate to the UBP (Polish Security Police) in January 1949. A Soviet colonel was chief of the Katowice UBP.

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